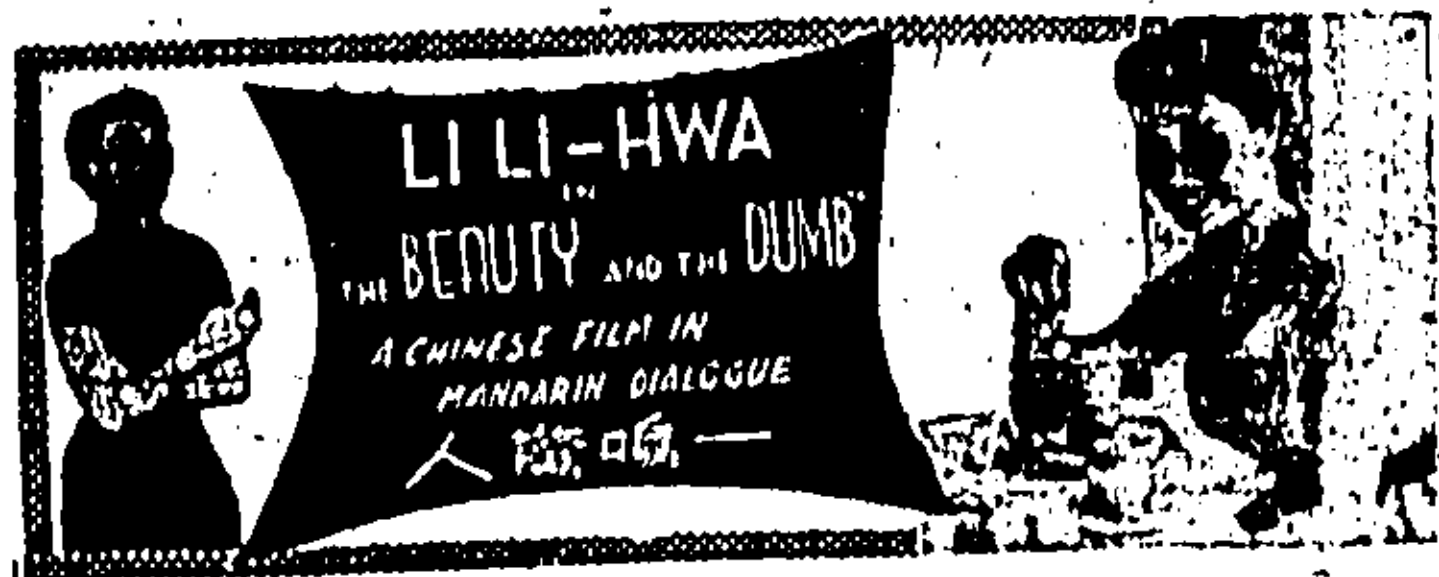


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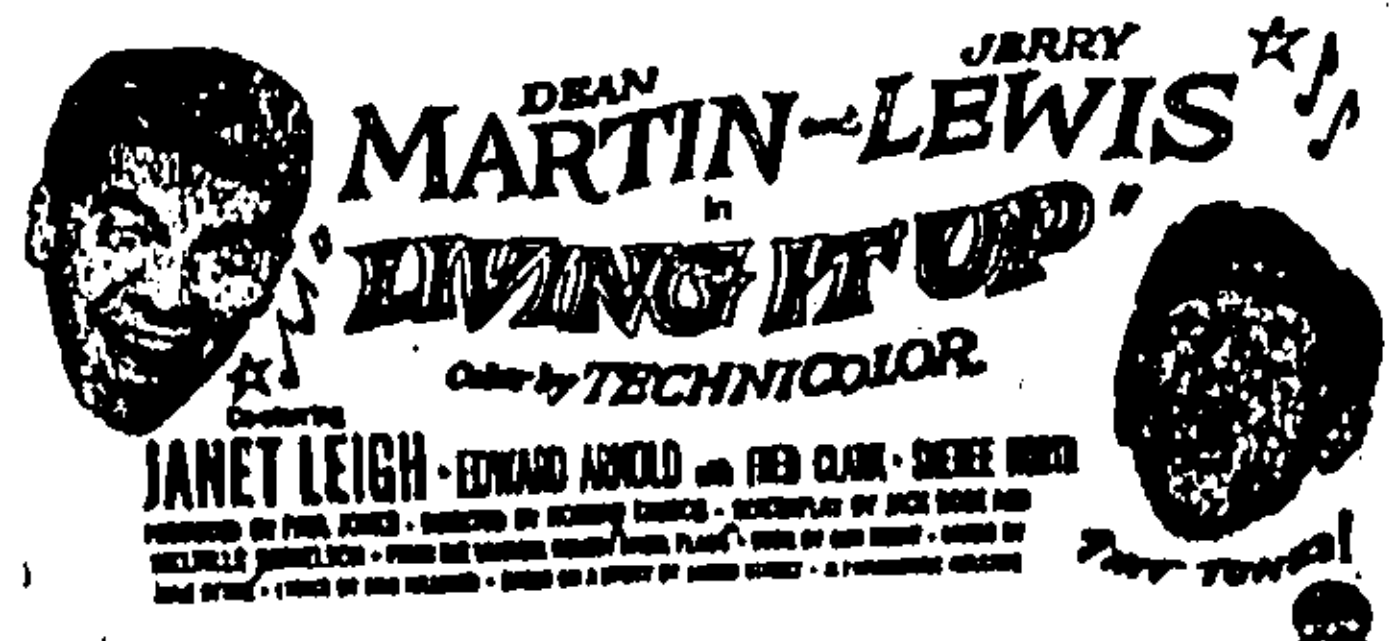
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WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

KING'S PRINCESS EMPIRE

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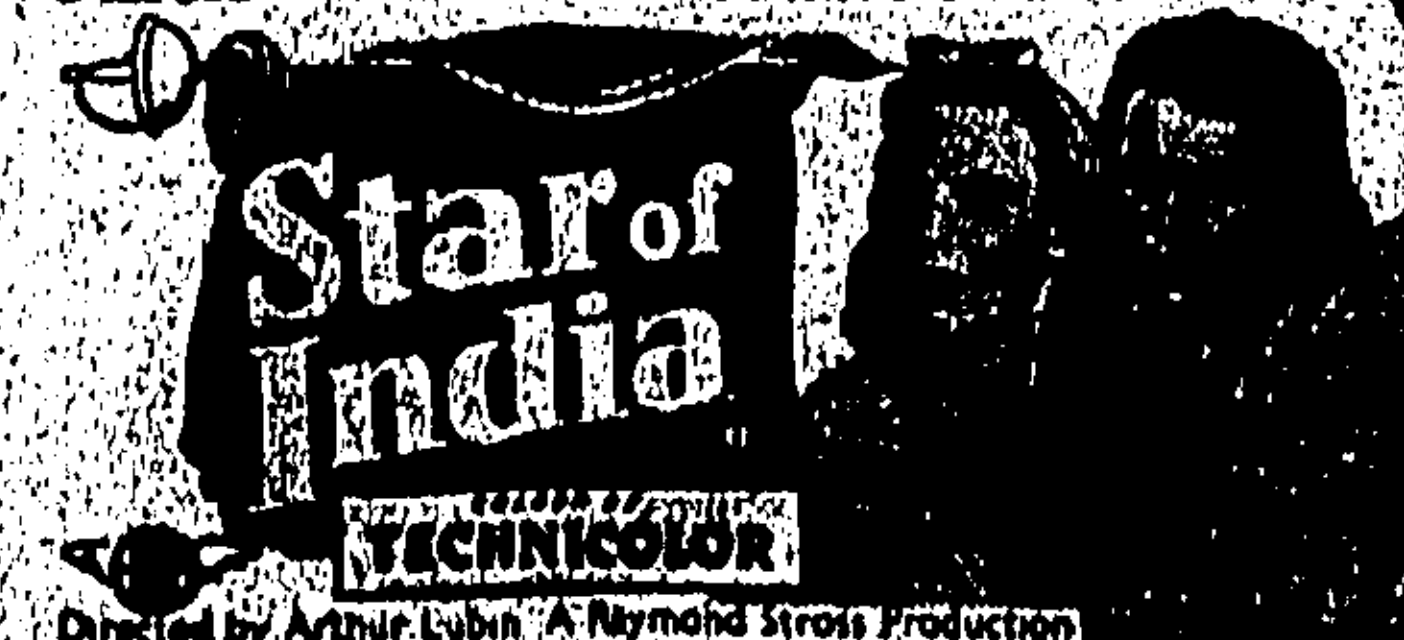


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CHRISTMAS IN KOREA

C'wealth Division's Last Big Celebration UNITS WITHDRAWING

With the British Commonwealth Division in Korea,

Dec. 23.

Men of the British Commonwealth Division in Korea, stationed among snow-capped hills near the Korean demarcation line, are preparing to make this Christmas the most-celebrated holiday in the Division's history.

Even nature appeared ready to give a hand. Mountains and hills overlooking the British units are already covered with snow and it was expected that further snowfalls would make it a "White Christmas".

For many of the British troops it will be their last "White Christmas" for some time. Many of them are moving to Kenya shortly.

For officers and men of the Australian, British, Canadian and New Zealand units serving with the Division this will be a "peaceful" Christmas, the first such Christmas the Division has celebrated in Korea.

NEW LINE

Last year Commonwealth troops were busy constructing new defence lines and taking part in manoeuvres and guarding an uneasy truce line.

This Christmas there will be no frozen trenches to return to after the day's celebrations as there were last year.

This year three British infantry battalions are celebrating Christmas in Korea—the First Battalion Dorset Regiment, the First Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and the First Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.

The Northamptonshire Regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers will be moving to Hongkong and Kenya in January.

This Christmas is also the last the Commonwealth Division will celebrate in Korea as a division. Next year the Division's strength will be down to a brigade with three infantry regiments, the First Battalion Dorset Regiment, the First Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and the Second Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

This Christmas there will be more food, drinks and entertainment available in the Division than at any previous time.

SHOWS

The 61st Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, is presenting "Cinderella" with an all-soldier cast. The British Field Hospital and the

Tenth Infantry Workshop R.E.M.E. are producing a revue "Let's Face It Again" and seven other shows.

There will be dancing at the huge "Castle Inn," canteen and service club, run by N.A.A.F.I. in the divisional area, every night during Christmas week. Dance bands from the Dorset and Northamptonshire battalions are playing on alternative nights.

Some old British Army customs are being observed on Christmas Day.

Christmas morning officers and senior non-commissioned officers will serve the men tea in bed. At lunch time officers and sergeants will act as waiters for the men.

On Boxing Day officers and sergeants in the three infantry battalions will compete in traditional football and cricket matches.

At the division and at Seoul, children from nearby villages and orphanages will entertain the troops and in exchange the troops will entertain the children at Christmas parties.

DECORATIONS

Nearly all units have set up Christmas trees and other decorations. In some units prizes have been offered for the best decorations and they are closely guarded secrets.

The 42nd Infantry Workshops of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers claim to have the only neon lighted Christmas sign in Korea. In an area where Communist and United Nations troops once fought bloody battles there is a huge neon sign blinking out words "Christmas. Greetings to all our customers."

Catering Corps officers said Commonwealth troops in Korea will have more food this Christmas than they ever had during the war.

Officers have in Division kitchens 12,000 lbs of turkey and 3,700 lbs of pork.

There is plenty of beer, perhaps enough to give each man five or six bottles.

Menu in all British units on Christmas Day will include for breakfast fruit juice, corn flakes and milk, fried bacon, eggs, sausages and saute potatoes and tea or coffee.

For Christmas dinner the men will get cream of tomato soup or cream of vegetable soup, roast turkey and pork, giblet gravy, apple sauce, cranberry sauce, stuffing, roast potatoes, green peas, buttered cabbage, Christmas pudding, rum sauce, hot mince pies, nuts, two bottles of free beer, coffee and minerals.

BUFFET SUPPER

At tea they will get cold roast pork, cold ham, Russian salad mixed pickles, fruit jellies, trifles, Christmas cakes and mince pies.

There will also be buffet supper for men who can eat it. One of the greatest events of the holiday will be the arrival of Christmas mail.

Arrival of the mail will be heralded by battalion buglers. They will sound the post call for "ordinary mail" and "post horn gallop" for air mail.

Butter.

MR. J. P. L. THOMAS

of sabotage had occurred in the Navy during the last three years and in how many cases the culprits had not been discovered.

The First Lord said there were 12 cases of malicious damage in 1952, 38 cases in 1953 and 40 cases in 1954. The culprits had not been found in 12, 25 and 27 cases in each of these years.

Mr. Thomas said over half the cases during 1954 took place in the last three months of the year and the number was now falling very slowly.



Tommy Trinder and Wee Georgie Wood arriving at St Paul's Cathedral for the memorial service to the late Sir George Robey. Many prominent theatrical people were present.—United Press Photo.

SALEM TAKES GLOOMY VIEW OF THE SUDAN

Cairo, Dec. 22.

Egypt's Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem, told the United Press today he took a very gloomy view of the situation in the Sudan. He thinks the Communists are dangerously exploiting the political turmoil there.

"The question of unity with Egypt or independence for the Sudan no longer dominates the scene," said the young, dynamic official in an interview at the Republican Palace.

"The real problem is who is going to maintain law and order, and by what means. Political parties such as the National Unionist Party, headed by Premier Ismail el Azhari, and the Umma, headed by Siddik el Mahdi, are in a state of confusion.

"The religious sect, Khatmalas, wants to rule the Sudan and to do the rival sect, Ansara. At the same time, Southern Sudan fears the North and wants some form of federation. The Communists are the only people who can benefit from such instability and their strength is growing rapidly and dangerously.

"The Communists own or direct four daily papers in Khartoum, and they more or less control several labour unions. Their leader, a certain Salem, is just about the most important personality in the Sudan today."

Asked what could be done to improve the situation, the

Minister would only repeat: "I am very worried—it is clear the Sudanese will govern the Sudan, but who will govern?"

Major Salem also spoke gloomily of the situation in Syria. He said it would seem the governmental machinery had begun to disintegrate there.

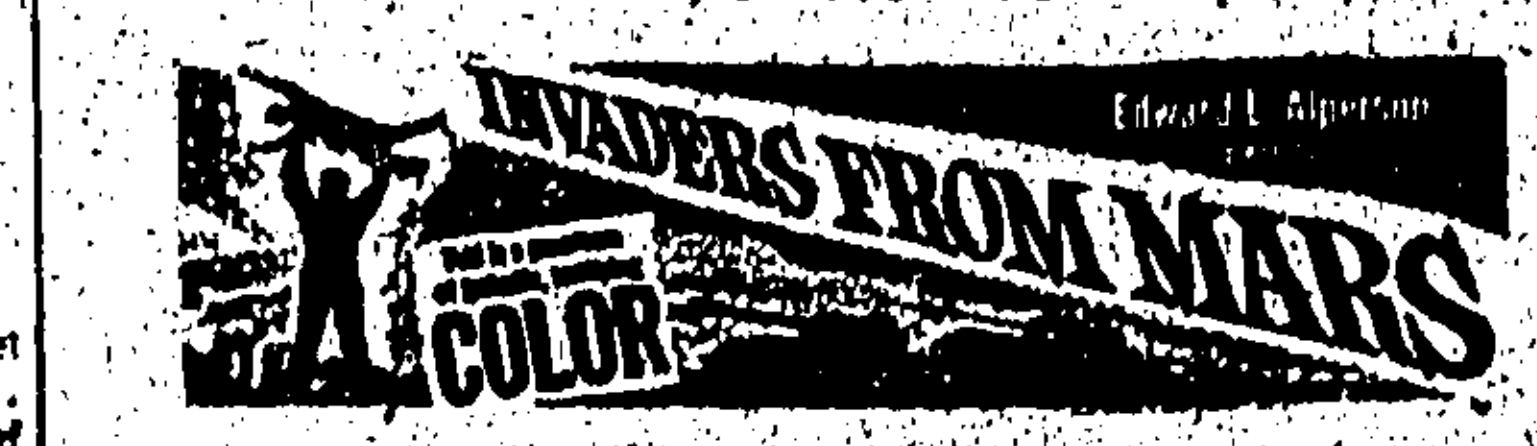
MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD

Referring to anti-Egyptian demonstrations organized by the Moslem Brotherhood in Damascus, Major Salem said the Egyptian Government would be only too glad if all members of the Brotherhood in the Middle East were to live in Syria and left Egypt in peace.

Speaking of Egyptian affairs, Major Salem stated categorically that the Moslem Brotherhood movement had been practically annihilated and 80 per cent of its force destroyed.—United Press.

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SHOWING TO-DAY
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ON OUR GIANT WIDE SCREEN



POP



GERM WARFARE

Parrot & Budgie Friends

Fort Elizabeth, Dec. 22. "Sweetie", a whisky-drinking budgie, and "Joey", a talking parrot, make life full of fun for Mr and Mrs H. Jopson, of Summerstrand, Fort Elizabeth.

The two birds are inseparable, despite the great difference in size. Whenever they are left together they either sit "talking" or scratch each other.

Sweetie often joins Mr and Mrs Jopson for a "spot". She drinks both whisky and beer.

Joey, who is two years old, mimics practically everything she hears. "She even calls the children and the servants," said Mrs Jopson with a laugh.

Both birds feed at the Jopson's table at mealtimes. —China Mail Special.

Petition To Put Doctor In Asylum

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22. Dr Charles A. Laughhead's sister petitioned the Ingham County Probate Court today to commit the former Michigan State College doctor and his wife, Lillian, to a mental hospital.

Margaret Laughhead of Des Moines, Iowa, described her brother as a "religious fanatic" and said his wife "neglects her household duties and her family because of her constant religious studying".

Dr Laughhead, 44, recently was dismissed by Michigan State College officials, who said his end-of-the-world predictions were "disturbing students." He had predicted a tidal wave would engulf Chicago on Tuesday in the start of a series of events that would bring about the end of the world.

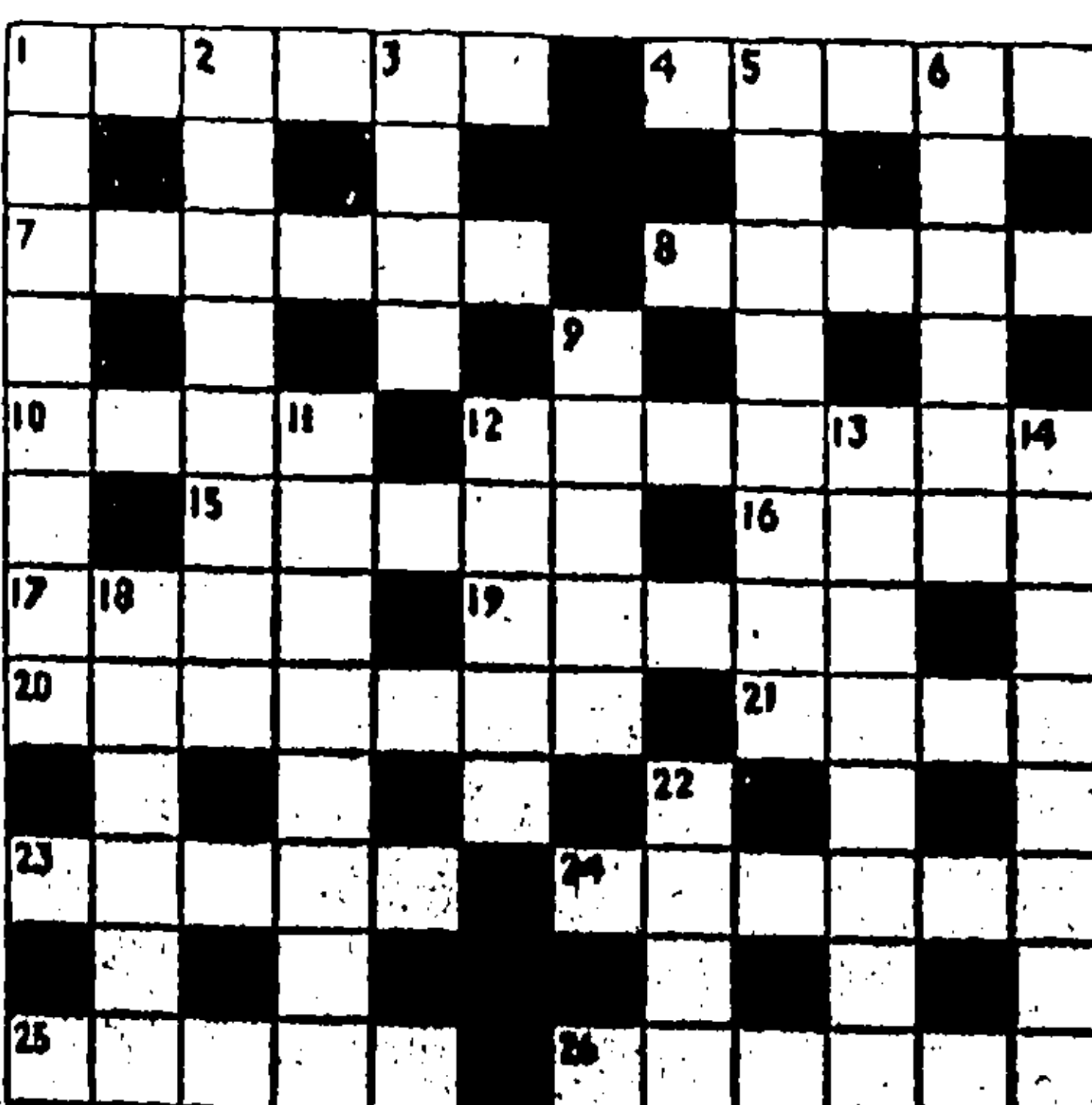
GUARDIAN

His sister also petitioned the Probate Judge, John McClellan, to appoint a guardian for Dr Laughhead's three children, Charlyn, 18, Charles, 17, and Marilyn, 9.

The petition stated: "During the past few years my brother has become a religious fanatic. This is now having its effect on his family. He believes that he is to create a new age and that the standing world will be submerged."

Dr Laughhead, who was still in Chicago at the home of his "communist" with outer space, refused to comment on his sister's action. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Source (6).
- 4 Scale (5).
- 7 Gear (5).
- 8 Post (5).
- 10 Meditate (4).
- 12 Troop (5).
- 13 Foolish (5).
- 15 Before long (4).
- 17 Hit hard (4).
- 18 Commemorate (5).
- 20 Misque lower (7).
- 21 Language (4).
- 22 Denude (3).
- 24 Mismatched (6).
- 25 Border (5).
- 26 Mendicant (6).

DOWN

- 1 Hopeful view of things (8).
- 2 Cut (8).
- 3 Lazy (4).
- 5 Able to read and write (8).
- 6 Japanese emperor (6).
- 9 Lifeless (5).
- 11 Attractive (8).
- 12 Bury (5).
- 13 Infallible (6).
- 14 Produce (8).
- 16 Small (6).
- 22 Volume (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Marriage, 8 Mishap, 9 Remained, 11 Surmised, 12 Fair, 13 Peril, 18 Tact, 19 Omit, 22 Roasting, 24 Alliance, 25 Incessant, 26 Dismissed, Down: 1 Answer, 2 Unsurp, 3 Mariner, 4 Ages, 5 Road, 6 Answer, 7 Enquiry, 10 Mark, 14 Rayon, 15 Lament, 16 Coward, 17 Rises, 20 Final, 21 Agree, 23 Ruin, 24 Add.

Weapon Would Not Be Denied To U.S. Troops

Washington, Dec. 22.

The Army's authority on germ warfare said today it would be "an act of barbarism" to deny American troops the use of biological weapons in a future war.

Maj-Gen. William Creasy, chief Army chemical officer, said modern developments had given germ warfare a "practicability it did not have before." He said it was now quite capable of defeating an enemy "with the least possible expenditure of American lives."

Warning that the Communists would have no qualms in using them, General Creasy said that to deny U.S. troops the use of such weapons either at home or abroad "would be an act of barbarism against our own people."

He stated his views in an article in the Army Information Digest, an official monthly magazine. He emphasized: "I hold no brief for war, for all war is immoral and inhuman."

SOUTHERN TARGET

Colonel Norman Elton, director of the Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories in Edgewood, Maryland, reported in the meantime that in a future war there is a danger that Southern States would be the target of a biological attack with yellow fever virus.

Col Elton spoke at a conference of yellow fever experts which was sponsored by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

General Creasy dismissed as a "complete falsehood" Communist

claims that the United States used germ warfare in Korea. He said the Reds might have hurled the charge to set the stage for future biological warfare of their own.

He said the Russians had a "massive potential" for attacking the free world not only with atomic and hydrogen bombs, but with biological, chemical and radiological weapons.

The U.S., he said, would be making a "most grievous mistake" if it assumed that the Soviets would start a war with any "single preferred weapon."

General Creasy said a lethal germ attack could be launched to bring death to a large number of persons. Or, he said, a lesser agent could be used to produce widespread illness and undermine the national will to resist.

DEFENCES IN SHAPE

Among the diseases which could be spread in such attacks, he said, are the plague, typhus, cholera, smallpox, rabbit fever and undulant fever.

General Creasy said U.S. defences against such germ attacks were "in proper shape". Defences, he said, include both immunizations and a variety of mechanical measures for protecting people and buildings. —United Press.

Kidnapped Baby Found

Belfast, Dec. 22.

A nine-month-old baby, kidnapped in Dublin on Saturday while his mother was buying him a Christmas teddy bear, was found hidden today in a shabby back street home in Belfast, 90 miles away.

Police said Patrick Barrigan, snatched from his carriage by a Dublin-dressed woman in Dublin's busy Henry Street, had been found in the home of Mrs Barbara McGeehan, 24.

A neighbour of Mrs McGeehan tipped off the police when she heard a baby crying. The baby's parents were en route to Belfast to identify him. —United Press.

Confucian Compositions Translated

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

Two ancient Chinese musical compositions composed by the sage and philosopher Confucius some 1,400 years ago, have recently been revived and translated into modern musical notation, Radio Peking said today.

The broadcast, monitored by the United Press, said that one of the compositions, which dated back to the year 550 A.D., was composed in connection with a journey made by Confucius.

The broadcast said that the National Music Research Institute, which was opened in March this year, has translated into modern musical notation more than 300 pieces written originally for ancient musical instruments.

It said that among the musical pieces collected by the Institute are whole suites of instrumental music, written in the notation belonging to the Sung dynasty, dating back to between 1,400 to 1,700 years ago.

Radio Peking said that the Institute is compiling an outline of the history of Chinese music. It has collected more than 30,000 folk songs, ballads, dance tunes, ancient folk instrumental music from different parts of China.

More than 2,000 of these have been recorded and many have been published, the broadcast said. —United Press.

Drought Threat To 'Quake Town'

Eureka, Dec. 22.

Eureka, the Californian town which was shaken yesterday by today's threatened drought, was today threatened with drought when it was discovered that the reservoir, damaged by the earthquake, had lost half of its 80,000,000-gallon capacity.

One person was killed in yesterday's calamity and 60 were injured. Total damage has been estimated at more than \$2,000,000. —France Press.

Mountbatten Says Good-bye



Admiral Earl Mountbatten, Allied Commander-in-Chief in Malaya, says good-bye to the new Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, when he left the island on his way home to take up his post as First Sea Lord. —Central Press Photo.

TITO SEEKING SOCIALIST PEACE BLOC

Rangoon, Dec. 22.

Informed sources here today believe that one of the main reasons for the visit of the Yugoslavian President, Marshal Josip Tito, to India and Burma is to sound out these two "neutralist" Asian nations on the possibility of forming a Socialist peace bloc between the East and the West.

The sources pointed out, however, that no preliminary overtures have been made by the Yugoslavian leader and that there are no indications that the talks at this time would go beyond the exploratory stage.

Presumably, the sources added, if India and Burma felt friendly to the idea, they, in turn, would broach it to other Asian members of the Colombo Powers, notably Ceylon and Indonesia, at the Prime Ministers' conference in Djakarta later this month.

Mentioned as another possible member of the Socialist bloc was Israel, a nation which has of late established close friendly ties with Burma.

WILL LISTEN

Initial reaction to the idea among Burmese leaders was a willingness to listen but, at the same time, an attitude of caution.

Unofficial reaction from American sources was that it might be a good idea since it would align India and Burma, in the past reluctant to make any deals, with Yugoslavia which is part of the Western alliance.

Yugoslavia's link with the United States and the NATO Powers may cause India, Burma and Indonesia to shy away from any formal alliance with the Communist State but Marshal Tito's visit was still expected to draw these nations closer together in future international relations.

In Bombay on Wednesday, Marshal Tito told the Indian Parliament that India and Yugoslavia held identical views on many problems and would unite their efforts for promoting co-operation among nations.

He told India that his nation agreed that co-existence was the sole guarantee for world peace.

BASIC REASONS

The basic reasons which give rise to speculation in Rangoon about such an alliance is that all of the nations are roughly, in one form or another, cast in the Socialist mould.

Why Marshal Tito, leader of a middle European nation, should seek so far afield for allies seems somewhat puzzling. But the observers here point out that the Socialist nature of them all, plus the fact that India and Burma are the only remaining uncommitted major nations in the eastern half of the world.

CRAZED SUITOR RELEASES CAPTIVE

Wake Forest, N.C. Dec. 22.

A crazed suitor, who held the woman who spurned him captive at gunpoint for 24 hours in a cotton mill, released her and surrendered today after his victim persuaded him he needed medical care.

"Gaunt, unshaven, Graham, Timberlake, 31, was taken away to a mental institution as the authorities fulfilled a bargain that he would not be put in jail.

His tiny brunette sweetheart, Jessie Elizabeth Davis, 29, was released by Timberlake unharmed. A doctor reported that she still "seemed fond" of her former suitor despite the ordeal to which he had put her in the cotton mill while the machinery still spun busily, turning out cotton yarn.

Miss Davis was a factor in persuading Timberlake to give up and accept medical treatment, Dr C. T. Wilkinson said.

Tonight Miss Davis' sister, Petronia, said that the shaken woman was "resting and does not wish to discuss her experience." —United Press.

PRINCESS' TOUR

London, Dec. 22.

Princess Margaret will leave London on January 31 on an official visit to the British West Indies. Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Minister, announced in the House of Commons, today.

The Princess will arrive in Trinidad on February 1. She will leave the Bahamas on March 2 and return to London on March 3.

Mr Lennox-Boyd also added that the Princess would visit as many islands as possible during her five-week tour. —France Press.

Minimum German Defence Expenditure

Bonn, Dec. 22.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said today his Government would keep to a minimum defence expenditure envisaged in the Paris treaties.

"In no case will defence outlay affect social security and the general standard of living," he said in a preface to the Government's end-of-the-year reports.

He described 1954 as a year which had "further consolidated democracy in Germany." —Reuter.

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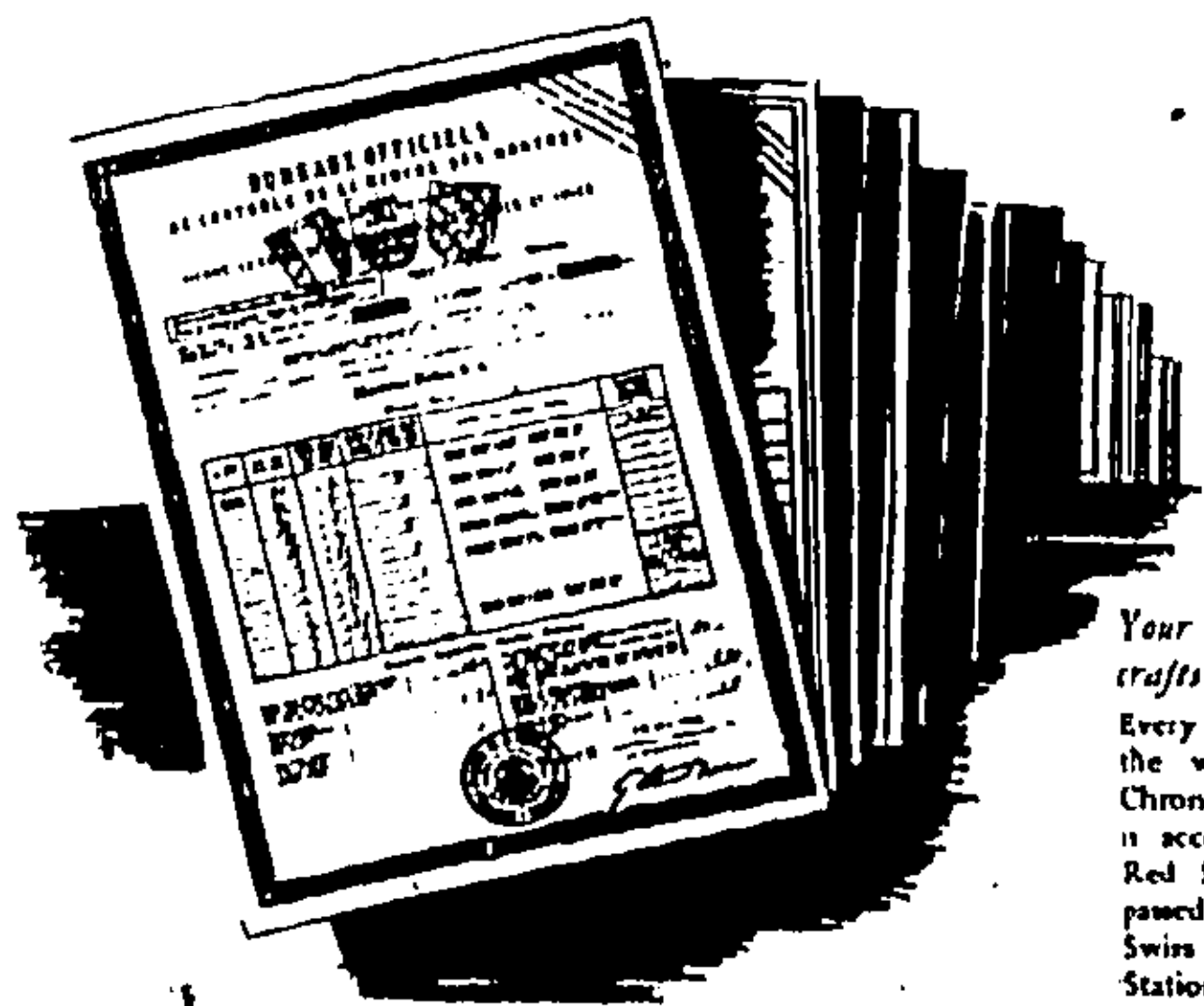
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Eve Perrick MY SKYSCRAPER. SCRAPBOOK ENDS ON WASHING UP AND GROWING UP

I HAD to go to America to discover the Russians. And the discovery I made about them—if wisely acted upon—could, I think, prevent another world war.

I stumbled upon this momentous matter at a party at the Russian Embassy in Washington.

I was chatting, quite cosily, with the Assistant Military Attache, a small, dark man with bright black eyes and a row of medals across his khaki barathe-clad chest which would out-jingle Douglas Fairbanks any day. Without any fanfare this hero of the Soviet Union suddenly came out with it.

He helped his wife wash up. A husband at the sink was, he said, quite a common thing in Russia, and even more prevalent in America although (there was just the teeniest trace of envy in his voice when he said this) the Americans did have mechanical dish washers to help the human ones.

It gives me much pleasure to publicise this fact—and I hope that all bodies devoted to the cause of peace on earth will make full use of it. Because, of this I am certain: Any man who helps his wife to wash up will never willingly go out and fight a fellow wife-sliding washer-up whatever his nationality.

ONCE SHY
DISCOVERY No. 2: The way to acquire poise at the age of 13, as demonstrated by young Heller Halliday.

How do you make the change from being a shy little girl in short frilly dresses—the Heller I remember from London—to New York's Miss Halliday, self-assuredly giving an interview with charm and sensibility?

Well, all you need is the aplomb that comes from making a success of your first-ever stage part, which is just what Heller did.

She plays Eliza in "Peter Pan," produced by her father

P.S. to U.S.
—on peace and poise



• MOTHER Mary Martin and Heller as London first saw her—1947.

Richard Halliday, and starring her mother under her maiden name of Mary Martin.

The change in Heller had not gone unnoticed by Heller's mum. Said Mary proudly: "She's becoming just an old trouper like me. We have a duet together in the show, and when we first started Heller would sing sweetly and truly but sizzly



• MOTHER Martin, actress, and actress-daughter Heller as they are today—New York.

old vaudeville style of walloping a song over. But now—why on matinee days, when I'm a little tired, I have to ask my daughter to keep it down a bit so that I can be heard too."

ONCE BITTEN

DISCOVERY that disappointed me: In America there is an organisation called "Fatties Anonymous." Wonderful idea, I thought, presuming it would work on the formula of Alcoholics Anonymous.

If, for instance, you felt you couldn't go another minute without going off your diet and into a cream bun, you could ring up Fatties Arson, and they would send round some sympathetic ex-slimmer who would hold your hand and see you through your darkest hour.

But eh dear, not a bit of it.

The founder of the Fatties club is Mrs Ruth Douglas, who is an international lawyer and Human Relations Consultant at Brooklyn College.

Said Mrs Douglas—no longer the 1947, she used to be "I think that for the overweight food is a form of satisfaction which they don't get from anything else in life. If you take away their food without giving them a substitute they would do something worse."

So the members of Fatties Anonymous—there are a thousand in New York, thousands more all over the country—practise something known as group physiotherapy: form choral groups, play cards, attend art classes—and pay 10 dollars (£2 10s.) a year to belong.

TWICE CRAZY

AMONG my other discoveries: The American women are crazy about white socks. It goes on everything—even towelling swimsuits (the kind that are not for getting wet).

Everyone is mad about the mambo, and the Arthur Murray and Fred Astaire dance schools report that their same zalls report that, along to learn, the mambo are back again in force, a few years older, but not one particle less active, to be taught the latest wiggly steps.

TWICE IN VAIN

BUT the picture from this edition of my Skyscraper Scrapbook which I shall remember most vividly, was not photographed on my mind that it is in New York or anywhere else in America.

It happened at boat drill on board the Queen Mary coming home. Two matrons from the Middle West were trying to achieve the impossible.

The feet they were trying to bring off was somehow or other to don lifejackets without either taking off or crushing to death the enormous cushions of their very large, very purple leather shoes they were pinned on their bottoms.

Eventually they gave up. Boat drill is only a routine regulation anyway.

Yes I am far from convinced that it is a real emergency, it came to a choice of saving themselves or their floral arrangements. The two about-headed women would not chance to get down with the life jackets, and the last

DON IDDON'S DIARY WILL IKE RUN A SECOND TERM? MAMIE MAY HAVE THE ANSWER

New York, Tuesday. IF President Eisenhower gets his way—and he usually does—the United States will launch soon the suggested new Marshall Plan to raise the standard of living in Asia and woo the Far East from Communism.

The President is now "sold" on the programme, but several members of his party and some generals and admirals are very much opposed. They think a much simpler policy would be to "strangle Communism in its cradle" in the Far East and after that let the Asians largely take care of themselves.

Senator William Knowland, the most vocal spokesman of the "get tough with the Far East" group, is emerging as the new plan's leading opponent.

One of Eisenhower's friends told Knowland the other day: "You have not just burned the bridges between yourself and Ike, you have dynamited them."

Calls it mutiny

THE President looks so strong about Knowland's rebellion—sometimes he calls it mutiny—that against all his indications he may decide to run again to rout Knowlandism, and beat the white already wide in the Republican Party.

Last week-end the new women senator, Mrs E. A. Tamm

ring, called on the President, and after a few pleasantries suddenly blurted: "Mr President, you must run again; you must run to save the party."

Mr Eisenhower, gallant with women, said gently: "Let's take it step by step."

This is the first indication that the President has ever considered a second term in the White House.

He has said over and over again in private and now and again in public, that he can't wait to get to his farm in Gettysburg, but Ike is a fighter, and if he considers that Senator Knowland is out to wreck his policies and his party, he might again become standard-bearer for the Republicans.

Her choice

EVERY day Mr Eisenhower is under pressure to run again. One White House aide told me: "It is almost like the old Chinese water-dripping torture to wear every residence."

There is one person who might upset the plans of the politicians and prevent the President from being influenced into running for a second term, and that is Mrs Eisenhower.

The vivacious, warm-hearted Mamie, a meat-packer's daughter from Denver, does not rely on the pomp and protocol of the Presidency.

She likes gay and informal parties, buffets, luncheons, and she likes to hear the President's voice. She is a very close friend with women

like herself, and gossip with her hairdresser.

Since the Eisenhowers made the White House their home there has been a procession of visitors, among them one King two Queens, one Emperor, one Governor-General, four Presidents, five Prime Ministers, two Chancellors, one Crown Prince, a Commissioner-General, and a whole group of Foreign Ministers, Finance Ministers, members of Parliaments, leading foreign scientists, industrialists, and other men and women of distinction.

The Eisenhowers have had to entertain most of them, and if the visitor has been the head of State, he or she has had to be an overnight guest.

The pace has been punishing—particularly for Mrs Eisenhower, who says: "I haven't got housemaid's knee, I've got First Lady's feet."

Social round

THERE are formal banquets with rich food, receptions with fast talks and entell thousands of handshakes, drawn-out luncheons, boring teas and constant posing for Press, cameras, and television representatives.

Everyone is beating a path to the White House and the Eisenhowers would like to have a path to their farm in Gettysburg and away from it. Duty and the challenge of knowledge would change their plan.

Meanwhile, the President realises it won't be easy to rally popular support for "A.T.A." (Aid to Asia), the new alphabetical organisation now in the back-room single, because many Americans are opposed to what they call giant give-away schemes.

For months now Americans have been told about the giant boom in Europe and particularly in Great Britain.

A suggestion

SO the U.S. taxpayer is saying: "It there is such a big boom over there why don't the British and Europeans pay back some of the Marshall Plan money, or at least contribute to the new aid for Asia programme?"

Some people, Americans and British, have suggested to me either in conversation or in letters that it would be a wonderful gesture if the United States bestowed honorary citizenship on Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr C. L. Sulzberger of the New York Times, those chief foreign expert, spent two hours with Sir Winston recently and, of course did not quote him directly; but his dispatch made it plain to anyone who knows the English alphabet that Sir Winston would greatly appreciate the honour.

New Yorkers, in any event, regard Churchill as more than half American, because his mother, Jenny Jerome, was born in Brooklyn.

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The Tiffin interval is after the Third Race (1.30 p.m.) on both days. The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.30 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting. Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

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Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each per day and \$30.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.30 a.m. on the first day.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1954, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

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By Order of the Stewards,
H. NISA
Secretary

GARDNER AND WILLIAMS PEEVE PROMOTERS OVER BOUT NO. 3

By GEORGE WHITING

So poverty stricken, and so bare of rising talent is the British heavyweight class that we are all bidden to become excited at the prospect of two former Champions, Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams, meeting for the third time early in the New Year.

Object of the exercise, of course, is a title match for the winner with Don Cockell—though nobody has the slightest idea about when, where, or for how much.

Meanwhile, rival promoters from Leicester and Nottingham are warring contracts at Gardner and Williams—but not, as yet, getting any signatures.

Promoter Joe Jacobs, from Leicester, had a distinctly peeved appearance after unsuccessful visits to the dressing rooms at Manchester, where Gardner and Williams were on view in "alleged" warming-up fights against Lucien Touzard and Francis Coquet ranked first and second in the French heavyweight hierarchy, which must be

ARMY TEAM TO MEET HKCC

The following team has been chosen to represent the Army against Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road on Monday, Dec. 27, commencing 11 a.m.

Maj Chubb Maj Howard-Dubois, 1st Lt Withall, 2/Lt Medd, 2/Lt Couch, 2/Lt Lipscombe, 2/Lt Neville, 2/Lt St Johnstone, Gar Hill, C/tn Nash, Pte Clark.

12th Man, 2/Lt Stimson—72 LAA Regt RA

Scorer: Mrs Chubb

in an even more parlous condition than our own.

RELIEVED
M. Coquet, conceding a stone-wobbed at the first body punch from Williams, took five counts on his knees, and looked remarkably relieved when the referee intervened on his behalf in round four.

Touzard (13st, 11lb.) was made of sterner metal. He began by slapping Gardner (15st, 6½lb.) rather in the manner of a small boy hitting back at his big brother.

Nor did he falter when Gardner's right hand opened a two-inch gash over his left eye—no new kind of maulery, but, after three rounds, the referee decided that Touzard's eye was in no condition to withstand further punishment. Two stitches helped to improve its appearance.

Gardner, obviously short of practice, also suffered two small cuts on his left brow. Gardner's bigger guns, notwithstanding, bore promise of settling down to a new kind of maulery, but, after three rounds, the referee decided that Touzard's eye was in no condition to withstand further punishment. Two stitches helped to improve its appearance.

THOMAS RETIRES
Eddie Thomas, one-time Welterweight Champion and reputedly seeking a comeback as a middleweight, lost on points to Ron Duncombe (Jersey), and

afterwards told me he had decided to retire from the ring. Thomas, an affluent collier and man of property in South Wales, has done well out of boxing, and has sense enough to recognise danger signals when younger middleweights start clipping his ears.

Frank Johnson, former holder of the lightweight title, reappeared on the near-Championship scene with a sound and polished win on points over the extremely belligerent Johnny Butterworth. Johnson's boxing, occasionally burdened on brilliance, and Joe, our present champion, will have need of all his southpaw fingerdarts if ever it comes to an argument.

Sugar Ray To Fight Again

Detroit, Dec. 22.

Sugar Ray Robinson, former Welterweight and Middleweight Champion who was suspended for "backing out" of a scheduled bout here on December 8, today signed to meet Joe Rindone in a 10-rounder at Olympia on January 5.

Promoter Nick London said that Robinson's signing for the bout automatically lifted the suspension imposed by the Michigan Boxing Commission.

The National Boxing Association and New York State had backed up the Michigan suspension.

Robinson voluntarily gave up the middleweight crown in December, 1952, to become a stage singer and dancer.

Carl (Babe) Olson, the present Middleweight Champion, won the crown in a tournament to replace Robinson's successor. Robinson lost only three times during a brilliant career that spanned 12 years—1941 to 1952. He had an unbeaten streak of 91 straight bouts at one time—United Press.

REG SIMPSON IN HOSPITAL

Sydney, Dec. 22.

Reg Simpson, the MCC batsman, was admitted to a private hospital here today for observation.

Simpson, who was not engaged in the Second Test which ended today, has been running a temperature for the last two days and it is thought that he may have influenza. — China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Table Tennis: Prelims of Non-Chinese Table Tennis championships at the Maimoon to Seamen commencing at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Div. 1: CAA v. Sing Tao (BS); St Joseph's v. South China (Club); KMB v. Police (Club). All matches commencing at 4 p.m.
Div. 2: CAA v. Eastern (BS); Club v. St Joseph's (Club); KMB v. Sing Tao (Club). All matches commencing at 2.30 p.m.
Div. 3: Tramways v. CMB (BS); Telephone v. Jardine's (BS); HEMS v. Dockyard (BS); Friends v. Lucy Farm (Samoy). All matches commencing at 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

Soccer
Div. 1: Kwong Wah v. Navy (Club); 4 p.m.; Kowloon v. Army (Club); 4 p.m.
Div. 2: "A": Tsekoo v. South China (BSK); Kwong Wah v. Army (Western Club); Hong Wah v. Army (Gymnastic v. Police (BS). All matches at 2.30 p.m.
Div. 3: Watson's v. Police; Redifusion v. Road Works. Both matches at 2 p.m.
Div. 4: Hollandia v. RUL v. Kowloon Godown; University v. Lape Crocodile. All matches at 4 p.m.
Div. 5: "B": Friends v. Dairy Farm.

PERON GREET'S PEREZ



When Pascual Perez, of Argentina, the new World Flyweight Champion boxer returned from Japan after beating Yoshio Shirai, he was greeted at the airport in Buenos Aires by President Peron. This is the first world boxing title for Argentina. — Express Photo.

JOE LOUIS BLAMES

Greedy Managers And Lazy Fighters

Miami, Dec. 22.

Joe Louis blames boxing commissions, greedy managers and lazy fighters for the shortcomings of the fight game.

Army Soccer League Standings

The following are the Major & Minor Units League standings:

(Including matches played December 1, 1954)

Major Units	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 Kings Own	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Hussars	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
3 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
4 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
5 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
6 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
7 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
8 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
9 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7
10 HK Kings	5	2	0	3	11	7	7

— 26 matches having been played yet.

Minor Units

Zone 1 (Hongkong)

1 HK Kings

2 HK Kings

3 HK Kings

4 HK Kings

5 HK Kings

6 HK Kings

7 HK Kings

8 HK Kings

9 HK Kings

10 HK Kings

Zone 2 (Kowloon)

1 HK Kings

2 HK Kings

3 HK Kings

4 HK Kings

5 HK Kings

6 HK Kings

7 HK Kings

8 HK Kings

9 HK Kings

10 HK Kings

Zone 3 (Kowloon)

1 HK Kings

2 HK Kings

3 HK Kings

4 HK Kings

5 HK Kings

6 HK Kings

7 HK Kings

8 HK Kings

9 HK Kings

10 HK Kings

Louis arrived here yesterday with light heavyweight Paul Andrews, who he will help train for a December 29 nationally televised bout with Boardwalk Billy Smith.

"Boxing commissions are to blame for a lot of things that happen in bouts, and if there are things wrong it's partly their fault," said the 40-year-old former heavyweight king.

"You read about these under-world characters in boxing," Louis said, "but it's the commissions that license them."

"Today, a manager gets a boy with 10, or even seven, straight wins and he immediately wants to throw him into a main event," said the Brown Bomber. "The young boy usually gets beat just because the manager is greedy. They push them too fast."

Louis, looking fatigued at 235 pounds, said that "Many of the boys fighting now just won't take training seriously. They want to be main event fighters and get main event money, but they don't want to train. They're lazy." — United Press.

Special Stand For League Soccer Players

In connection with the visit of the Swiss Grasshoppers soccer team who will be playing three games series in Hongkong on January 24, 25 and 27, a special section of the number 4 stand of the Hongkong Football Club (Volunteer HQ end) will be reserved for football league players who are in possession of passes for the current 1954-55 season.

Tickets will be sold at the gate to players only on producing their passes, 30 minutes before the kick-off. Green passes are being issued to all second and third division players. After January 1, 1955, all old passes (pale red) previously issued to players, will be null and void.

England Players Looking Forward To Third Test

Sydney, Dec. 22.

Len Hutton, England's cricket captain, talking of his team's win over Australia in the Second Test, said: "This win has put the lads in good heart, and I am now looking forward to an exciting contest in the Third Test at Melbourne."

As he spoke, Hutton was sitting in the dressing room contentedly puffing a cigarette. He looked a little pale but very composed. He is too old a campaigner to get excited over one success.

Floodlights For Club Stadium

The Hongkong Football Club, first in the Colony to install floodlights for night soccer, even if it was on a temporary basis, is now installing permanent lights for a sport which seems to have a tremendous drawing power in Hongkong.

When Hongkong and China were preparing for their Asian Games appearances, trial matches were staged at the Football Club under rather makeshift type of lighting.

On Wednesday Dec. 15, the Hon. Kwok Chan performed the opening ceremony of switching on the lights at the South China stadium in Caroline Hill. Now the Hongkong Football Club is coming in to compete with the Caroline Hill Club by installing the latest and most modern type of lighting.

Unlike South China's light pylons which have been erected down two sides of the grounds, that is parallel to the length of the soccer field, the Club pylons have been erected on the four corners of the ground.

Extra foundations and supports had to be constructed at the four corners to support the pylons.

The pylons have four steel ribs on each, and give the appearance of a radar mast. On each of the ribs, five lamps will be fitted to make a total of 20 lamps of 1,000 watts each to each pylon.

The top of the pylon is now nearly 80 feet from the ground. The field will therefore be illuminated by 80 powerful lamps, a total of 80,000 watts.

Each lamp will have to be focussed separately to pick up a certain spot on the field. The field will be roughly divided into sections and the lights focussed on them.

It is anticipated that the lighting result will be better than that of South China, and the first use of same will be eagerly awaited by all soccer fans.

It is hoped to be able to put the lights into operation before the end of the year.

Holiday Softball Programme

The draw for the International Softball Championship sees Pakistan clashing against the Philippines on Boxing Day for the opening match of the competition.

The winner of this match will meet Portugal in the semi-final on Chinese New Year's Day, January 24 and on the same day the other semi-final, that between China and USA will take place.

Both games will be played at the HKSA ball park at King's Park.

The poor support from the ladies has resulted in only two teams entering for the Ladies' International.

The two entries are Portugal and China and these will clash in the first of three matches on Boxing Day in support of the Men's Int'l between Pakistan and the Philippines.

Hutton was full of praise for fast bowlers Statham and Tyson.

He said they were players of great character and as such any this had helped tremendously in England's hour of need after lunch.

"Both responded wonderfully to a tough job on a good pitch." He added that he was most encouraged by the way Statham and Tyson were developing. He had seen Statham advance in the West Indies, but Tyson "far exceeded the expectations I had of him when we left England."

GLOWING TERMS
Hutton also spoke in glowing terms of his two young batsmen, Peter May and Colin Cowdrey, and he welcomed the news that Denis Compton would be fit for the Third Test.

Hutton thought England would have won by a bigger margin if Australia had had to bat first.

Asked if he would have put Australia in if he had won the toss, Hutton paused and then answered: "I would have liked to very much, if there were no critics to worry about. And I am not thinking only of the Press. Mine is not a very pleasant job at times, you know." — Reuters.

SWORD CLUB BEAT POLICE

In the Colony Fells League match played at Central Police Station Gymnasium last night, the visiting Hongkong Sword Club quitted scored an easy 23-2 victory over the Police Fencing Club side.

Grosche-Hodge, J. Marcell and Innes-Smith all registered clean sweep victories in their five bouts, and the other two members of the team dropped only one match each.

Police, although severely beaten as far as the scores were concerned, proved a toughy fence and the final score certainly falls to indicate the many duels seen.

T. Carrott and P. G. Taylor, tallied the two victories for Police.

The following are the results: Hongkong Sword Club: Grosche-Hodge (5 wins), J. Marcell (5), P. Marcell (4), F. Pugsley (4), Innes-Smith (5).

Police Fencing Club: T. Carrott (1 win), P. K. Lau (0), T. Martin (0), P. G. Taylor (1), K. W. Yeung (0).

Annual Married v. Single Cricket Match At CCC

The annual Craigengower Cricket Club Married versus Singles cricket match will be played at the CCC on Sunday, Boxing Day, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

The husbands, with century maker, George Souta, in their team, are favorites to win the match for the second year. In succession, having won it in the 1953-54 game.

The bachelors gained their first and only win of the series in 1952-53, and are going to fight all the way for honours.

The match is scheduled to end at 5.30 p.m., and this very popular event will be followed by a dance and social from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All members of the CCC are welcome.

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Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1954.

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USED STATE SECRETS

Alexandria Va., Dec. 22. Joseph S. Petersen, a former employee of the National Security Agency, pleaded guilty today to using Government secrets "in a manner prejudicial to the safety and interest" of the United States.

Petersen withdrew a previous plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to the second of three charges.

District Judge Alvert V. Ryan, who received the new plea, deferred sentence.

The charge carried a possible prison sentence of up to ten years. Petersen, 40, said through his counsel he had changed his plea for the best interests of the country.

Petersen was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last October 9 and charged with improperly taking classified information with "reason to believe" it was being used by a foreign power.

The United States subsequently identified the Netherlands as Government with which Petersen "exchanged" information.

Dutch officials said their relations with Petersen went back to the second world war and that they had no reason to suspect that his activities were not authorized.

After Petersen's indictment on October 20 the United States Government said that information about operations in Korea in 1951 was part of the data alleged to have been misused by Petersen.—Reuter.

More Teacher Colleges In China

London, Dec. 22. Communist China has established six new teachers' colleges this year, according to the Ministry of Education, the New China News Agency reported today.

In a Peking dispatch the agency said this is part of the Ministry's plan to train more teachers for the increasing number of middle and technical schools. The Ministry disclosed that 24,000 students were admitted in China's teachers' colleges during this half-year term. This was an increase of 38 per cent compared with last year and ranks second only to the total enrolment in engineering departments. The Ministry said that 53,000 future middle school teachers were being trained throughout China. This was 2 1/2 times the peak pre-liberation figure of 1947.—China Mail Special.

Columbo Plan Chicks

London, Dec. 22. "Columbo Plan" day-old chicks—2,000 of them—will be flown by the British Government to Karachi in March to help Pakistan's egg production and breeding programme. It was stated here today.

The request for the chicks, which will be selected from white leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Black Minorca and Light Sussex breeds, came under the terms of the technical co-operation section of the Colombo Plan.—France-Press.

EXPLOSION IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Dec. 23. One person was believed to be killed and several others wounded when a bomb exploded in the centre of the European quarter of Casablanca.

It was later reported that six people were seriously wounded by the exploding bomb tonight and were taken to hospital for treatment.—France-Press.

Pope Taking Exercise

Vatican City, Dec. 22.

Pope Pius XII has taken to gentle exercise to relieve persistent attacks of hiccoughs that are disturbing his sleep, Vatican sources reported tonight.

The 78-year-old Pontiff, again showing incredible recuperative powers, was reported to be in a "satisfactory condition" this evening following a restless night and a transfusion this morning of mixed plasma and whole blood.

IN ARMCHAIR

By early afternoon, the Pope was in the Vatican Gardens for a short stroll—the fourth day he has left his sick-room high in the Vatican Palace.

Tonight, he was reported resting in the great armchair to the right of his plain, mahogany bed.

There were fears, however, that the strength-sapping hiccoughs which have plagued him for 11 months might return as they did last night.

Vatican sources said that Professor Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the Papal physician, prescribed a new treatment of modified exercise last night when the hiccoughs returned.

The physician, using a mild form of artificial respiration, gently raised and lowered the lying Pontiff's arms to expand and contract the patient's chest.

The treatment apparently had satisfactory results as the hiccoughs disappeared after a brief period.

The hiccoughs are apparently the result of a hernia at the mouth of the Pontiff's esophagus or food tube—at the point where it enters the stomach.

NO OPERATION

Because of his advanced age and present weak condition, the Pope's doctors have ruled out an operation to cure this hernia.

Instead, they are concentrating on the accompanying ailment of gastritis.—United Press.

Lhasa Road Link With China

London, Dec. 22.

Lhasa, capital of Tibet, is now linked with the whole communications network of Communist China. The second of two long motor highways was completed today, the Communist New China News Agency reported.

The road which was completed today runs from Lhasa, northeast to Sining, capital of Chinghai Province, and the other east to Yean, capital of Sikang Province. These two cities are one day's journey from Lanchow and Chengtu, major rail and road centres, the agency said.

Preparations were now underway for the formal opening of both roads, the agency said. The total length of both roads is 4,364 kilometres.

TIME OUT

"The journey from Peking or Shanghai to Lhasa by road has been cut to less than 20 days, compared with three months needed by the old caravan routes," the agency stated.

The road completed today, more than 2,100 kilometres long, was built in record time since June this year, the agency stated. This road winds by the famous salt lake of Koko Nor, China's biggest inland lake.

The eastern road, which was opened a few days ago, took 4 1/2 years to finish. This road crosses 14 great mountains and many difficult rivers, including the Kinsha (the upper Yangtze), Lamsang (Mekong) and Lu (Salween), the agency said.—Reuter.

Press Trust Strike Off

New Delhi, Dec. 22. More than 900 employees of India's national news agency—the Press Trust of India—tonight postponed a 24-hour token strike for higher pay and better working conditions which was due to begin tomorrow morning.

A statement by the President of the Employees Union, Mr. M. V. Donde, said it had been deferred in view of a letter from the management saying they were willing "to discuss immediately any matter with an open mind."—Reuter.

ELEPHANT TRAGEDY

Moscow, Dec. 22. A story of elephant mother love ended tragically in a Moscow zoo today.

A young member of one of the zoo's elephant families was taken from his parents to have a horn extracted from his foot. His mother, hearing squeals of pain, lumbered to his aid and got her head stuck between the bars of the cage. Keepers sawed through the bars to release her but she died soon after.

Now the youngster is refusing his food and the widower is standing guard before the cage trumpeting grief.—France-Press.

Whistled Policeman's Wife

Wellington, Dec. 22. An imitation of the mating call of a wolf landed a young Upper Hutt man in the magistrate's court to face a charge of disorderly behaviour.

Unfortunately for him, the young woman whom he singled out for his interest was the wife of a police constable.

Evidence was given that the man drove alongside the woman and made "clucking" sounds at her. On a second occasion he followed her and emitted "wolf" calls and whistles at her. This time, however, her policeman husband was at hand.—China Mail Special.

Coal Campaign

London, Dec. 22. Coal miners at the Manby, low coal mines, in the Peking area have launched a campaign to produce 80,000 tons of coal above their 1954 target before the New Year, the New China News Agency reported today.

The coal miners completed this year's production quota in December 1, the agency said. The Manby coal mines, which supply Peking with coal, were the first to complete their 1954 target.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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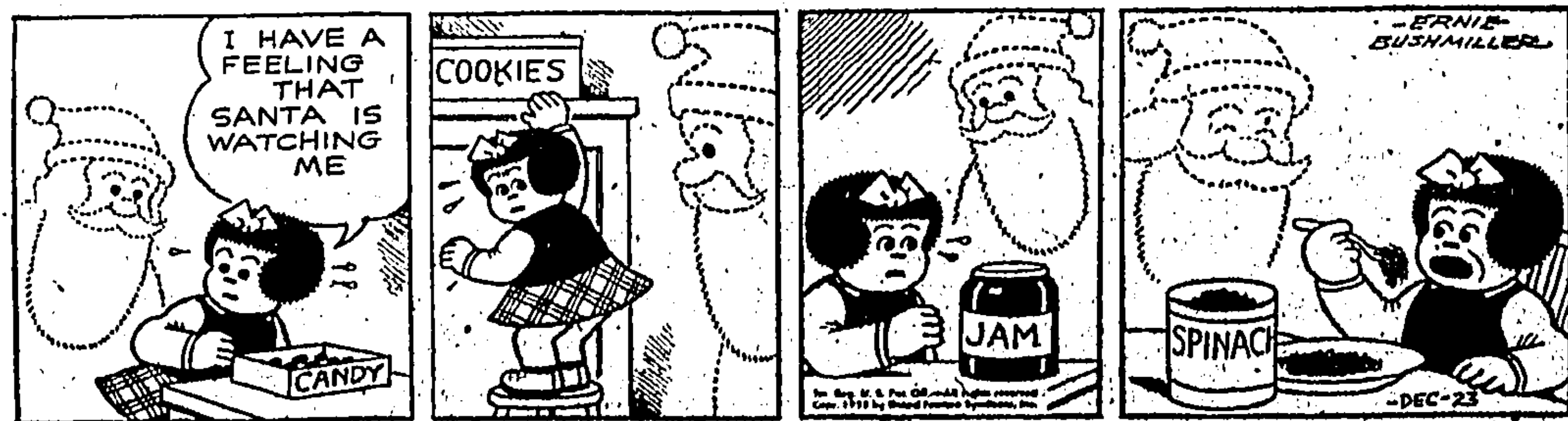
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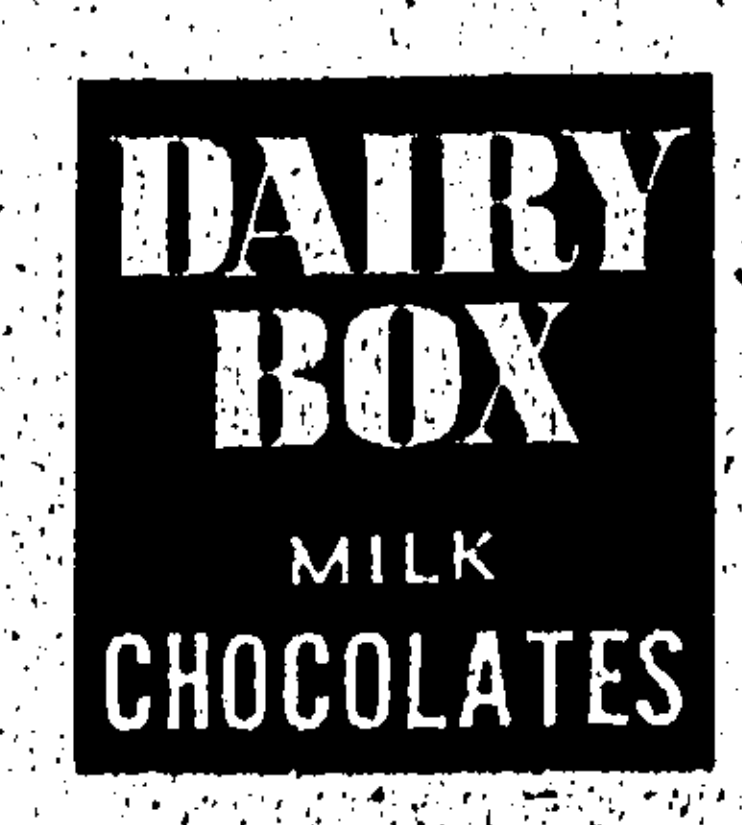
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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

10 O'CLOCK CLOSING BEGINS ON FEB. 1

From H. King Wood

Sydney.
The shouting of the liquor hours has now died down, and as from February 1 hotels will remain open until 10 p.m. The Government—somewhat wisely, it must be admitted—decided on that date to give publicans a chance to organise and police time to prepare for the new conditions.

And the most unhappy people about it all, not unnaturally, are the publicans and hotel employees. The boss sees himself tied down for six nights a week, while the employees see shift and night work.

The police aren't particularly happy about it, either, for here, too, extra men will have to work at night.

The one weakness seen in the Government's new bill is the decision that hotels must shut between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. People are frightened that this is going to lengthen our famous "six o'clock swill" to 6.30 and so defeat the very object of the later closing.

In any case, it is going to be interesting to watch how it all works out in February. Most people's guess is that once the novelty wears off the pubs will be struggling to make ends meet at night.

★ ★ ★
The Lord Mayor of Sydney may now get a place in the top salary bracket of this country. This week the City Council voted young Alderman Pat Hills, £6,000 a year for the next 12 months, and as it is tax free it becomes big money in terms of wages.

Sure, running Sydney is quite a job, but just the same, the Lord Mayor should be able to do distinguished visitors proud on that figure.

Alderman Hills is also a member of the State Upper House—the Legislative Council, and so draws another £1,500 a year. All in all, and without stretching too much, it should be a reasonable wage for a man who is no wolverine around the hills door.

CAR STEALING

Car stealing in New South Wales has become big business. A thousand motor cycles and more than 3,000 cars, worth £600,000, have been stolen so far this year.

Police estimate that criminals who steal cars for stripping and the sale of spare parts are making at least £100 a week.

Motor Squad detectives say some of these people are so expert that they can remove a car radio in less than three minutes. The detectives say that nearly 200,000 cars without at least £20,000 worth of vehicles being "borrowed" by joyriders or stolen for resale.

They also complain that people in hotels buy these spare parts without questions—and often at a price dearer than what the same part, new, can be bought from an authorised dealer.

MOTOR MUSTERING

The changing scene... Out on Maghera Station, at outback Bourke, no one has saddled a horse for mustering since 1950.

The stockmen have found that one man on a twin-cylinder, water-cooled, two-horse power motor cycle can muster as well as three men on horseback.

The cycles can go anywhere a horse can go in this country where paddocks are as large as 10,000 acres.

Cavaliers in outback South Australia are also turning to cycles... which just means that there isn't a great deal of romance left in anything these days.

LOAN FAILURE

After watching money being poured into the stores as though it didn't matter for the last fortnight it has come as a bit of a shock to learn that the last Commonwealth Loan was undersubscribed by £13 million.

The Government wanted £50 million in cash but could draw only £37 million and the response was so poor that the closing date was extended.

The argument is, of course, that there is no shortage of money for investment but it is going into private industry where there are better interest rates.

That may be so, but it seems pretty miserable that the Government cannot raise £50 million in cash for public works from the citizens.

NEW PARLIAMENT

The Premier, Mr Cahill, spoke this week of a long-range plan for a new Parliament House. This is a chestnut more or less in the same category as the Eastern Suburbs Railway, but maybe the Premier did not have at his fingertips the knowledge of just how long a new Parliament building for NSW has been on the books.

Way back in 1888 that wise old man, Sir Henry Parkes, laid the foundation stone for a new Parliament House on the site where our public library now stands.

The stone and its ugly foundations remained there until about 1900 and the last heard of the stone was that it had been sent to the Botanic Gardens where it was probably broken up or mislaid.

Incidentally, as he laid the stone, Sir Henry Parkes said: "It has always seemed to me that it is far better to have good Parliaments than grand buildings to put them in."

Maybe someone took the hint.

★ ★ ★
And as far as Christmas is concerned, all we can say is that each year they seem to start earlier, get brighter, more modest—and more costly.

Hammaraskjold Going To Peking Before New Year

United Nations, N.Y., Dec. 22.

The United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammaraskjold indicated tonight he would leave for Peking before the end of the year to seek the release of the imprisoned American airmen in Communist China.

He told a press conference that five or six officials would probably accompany him.

Mr Hammaraskjold, who returned today from Stockholm where he discussed arrangements for his trip with Communist China's Ambassador to Sweden, told a news conference here: "I am not going anywhere to beg anybody for anything. I am going to bring up a situation which calls for, in my view, mutual consideration, with background of the General Assembly resolution."

The Assembly resolution instructed Mr Hammaraskjold to make "continuing and unremitting efforts" to seek the release of all U.N. personnel still imprisoned in Red China in violation of the Korean truce agreement.

Although Mr Hammaraskjold would not say when he plans to leave for Peking, he indicated it would be between Christmas and New Year's Day.

PARTY OF SIX

Mr Hammaraskjold said he expected to take a party of "about six" persons with him.

He said he would take with him a U.N. public relations officer and "try to see to it that the press and by the press the public get informed directly from the U.N. mission."

Mr Hammaraskjold is reported to be planning a stop over in London to see British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden and another in New Delhi to talk with Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru.—United Press.

Today's Fire At Wanchai



The scene outside the tenement in Tai Yuen Street after this morning's blaze. (Staff Photographer)

Full Court Action On Tasikmalaja Appeal

An ex parte application for notices of motion to be served on the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to show cause why certain appeals now pending should not be dismissed or otherwise stayed was made to the Full Court, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

The appeals arise out of a claim against the Indonesian Government for possession of the 3,679-ton freighter Tasikmalaja.

The application was made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (on the instructions of Mr M. A. du Silva) on behalf of the respondents, Messrs Juan Ysmael and Co. Inc. of Manila, P.I., and was on the ground that the Indonesian Government are in default of payment of costs ordered against them by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and by the Full Court of Hongkong, and for want of prosecution.

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Call For More Women In Parliament

"Freedom can be won only by sacrifice!" These were the words used by Madame Shafik—the 'Campaigning Cleopatra'—at a press conference yesterday afternoon, to describe the reason for the Egyptian women's hunger strike last March.

The hunger strike and their demonstration when 1,000 women took Parliament by storm were only two of the efforts that the Egyptian women, led by Madame Shafik, made to get their public rights, which are now to be given them in the next constitution.

Madame Shafik believes that if a country is ruled by men and women, the country will be much more advanced. She also believes that men cannot possibly know enough about women's suffering to pass laws about them and their children.

IN COLLABORATION

On the other hand, she said a country could not possibly be ruled by women alone, as either way the Parliament would only represent half the nation, but if men and women work in collaboration the whole nation is represented.

Madame Shafik said she believed many of Egypt's problems came from the large amount of illiteracy in the country. In the next elections, Madame Shafik will run for Parliament, she will then put forward a plan which will enable everyone to be educated in three years. She thinks that everyone can learn and will suggest that if everyone will teach ten others it will stop illiteracy in Egypt.

While in the United States, Madame Shafik was very impressed by television and on her return she hopes to persuade Parliament to install a set at every social centre, which will give an hour's lesson a day as well as the usual programmes. By this method Madame Shafik said she thought it would be possible to educate everyone moderately in only one year.

FREE EDUCATION

Free education is also to be given and there are many schools for adults where they can learn home industries.

Several members on the committee of the Hongkong Council of Women were present at the conference, including Mrs Maude Ng—former Chairman—Mrs Elizabeth Eng and Mrs Violet Chan. They will also be present this afternoon when Madame Shafik will give a lecture at 6.30 in the British Council Library.

Delai Lama Supports Formosa 'Liberation'

London, Dec. 22.
The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, today pledged the "full support" of the people of Tibet for the "liberation" of Formosa, the New China News Agency reported.

Formosa is an island in the South China Sea, which was captured by the Chinese in 1949. It is now being used by the Chinese as a base for their operations in the Taiwan Strait.

The Dalai Lama's statement was a significant gesture of solidarity with the people of Formosa, who have been fighting for their freedom since 1949.

The statement was made during a religious ceremony in Lhasa, Tibet, and was widely reported in the international press.

The Dalai Lama's support for the liberation of Formosa is seen as a major step towards the eventual unification of China under a democratic system.

More Capital Needed By Metal Industries: Chairman's Statement

Mr G. E. Marden said this morning that negotiations were proceeding with Metal Industries Corporation Limited for the purchase of further tonnage for breaking and consideration was given to the possibility of operating their own rolling mill in the Colony.

In his statement to shareholders at the annual meeting of the company held at 10 a.m. today, Mr Marden, who is the Chairman, further announced that Metal Industries Corporation Ltd., in conjunction with other concerns, had made certain arrangements to take "a substantial interest in a company recently formed to prospect for and develop workable ore deposits in Hongkong."

The surplus for the period under review amounted to \$10,952 to which must be added the balance brought forward of \$187,350, making available for distribution a total of \$214,302 which the Directors recommended to be carried forward.

Proposing the adoption of the Chairman's report and Accounts, Mr Marden said: "Your Board has now under discussion proposals of a more far-reaching character to restore the company's activities to their pre-war scope. Further capital would be required for that purpose and it is hoped to make arrangements to raise it privately."

MOTION CARRIED

The motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman's statement was issued as follows:

"In accordance with the arrangements indicated to you last year, two vessels were purchased for breaking on joint account. Of these one has now been completed and most of the resulting scrap disposed of at a satisfactory profit—a part of which is shown in the accounts under review—while progress on the other vessel has reached an advanced stage."

BREAKING YARD BUILT

"Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of further tonnage for breaking and consideration is being given to the possibility of operating our own rolling mill. A breaking yard has been constructed on a site leased from Government."

"Although the activities of the Company are still on a considerably reduced scale compared to the levels reached in pre-war years, your Directors hope that results may make it possible to pay a modest dividend next year."

"The claim for war losses amounting to £92,712 has been omitted from the Balance Sheet in view of the unlikelihood of any recovery being made."

"Since the close of our year the authorities in Shanghai have requisitioned the property of one of our subsidiaries—Lunghua Dock & Engineering Works Ltd. This property had been leased in 1951 for a term of ten years to a Government Department."

"In concert with our General Managers and certain of their associates, arrangements have been made to take a substantial interest in a company recently formed to prospect for and develop workable ore deposits in Hongkong."

Quarrel Suspended 'For Christmas'

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.
Jordan and Israel have put aside their quarrel for the time being so that pilgrims from all over the world can cross the Holy Land's troubled border line to worship at Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

But Jordan has a blacklist of names of 125 people who will not be allowed into the Holy Land. They include 16 German priests, some Russian nuns and scores of Christian Nazarenes, suspected of "Communist sympathies."—Reuter.

YOU ARE LUCKY

"We were just about to make him a foreman plumber. I believe, too, that he's a very decent type of man, and as his wife's expecting a baby, I believe my firm is willing to give him another chance."

The moderate looked at Tom, in whose eyes great fear still dwelt and whose face was waxy-white. "Well, you are lucky, aren't you?" he said.

"Yes, sir," Tom gulped.

"Well, I'm very pleased your employers are giving you back your job," said the magistrate. "You show your gratitude to them by working hard. I shall discharge you absolutely; you may go."

Tom went, and a few minutes later he was back, one of the crowd, again on the crowded streets. There was no longer anything to mark him out from his fellows, for the fear had gone at last from his eyes.

Reputation Expected

Stockholm, Dec. 22.
Permission for the Swedish Red Cross to transport 200 members of the Red Cross from the Red Cross Hospital in the city of Stockholm to the Red Cross Hospital in the city of Stockholm is expected.

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DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

Sir Robert Calder-Marshall and Mr W. G. E. Lannaman, who retired by rotation, were re-elected as Directors.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed Auditors of the company at a remuneration to be agreed upon by the Directors.

Present at the meeting were Messrs G. E. Marden, W. G. E. Lannaman, W. J. Hawkins, V. J. Song, P. O. Seales, representing a total of 62,320 shares.

Ceylon Tea Workers Threat To Strike

Colombo, Dec. 22.
Ceylon tea workers are threatening to strike throughout the island.

Over 200 representatives of tea workers meeting in the hill resort of Nuwara Elyia today decided to call the strike if their employers failed to meet their government demands within two weeks.

Their seven-point charter includes a demand for an increase of one rupee (one shilling and six pence) in the present wage of a little over two rupees a day, the payment of 10 per cent of the profits as a bonus, the getting up of a provident fund and a monthly allowance of 25 rupees (37s 6d) on retirement.—Reuter.

GOOD WORKER

AT Christenwell court next morning, Tom pleaded guilty to the theft, and the police told the story to Mr Frank Powell.

"There's nothing known against this man," they said. "He's been in regular work as a plumber since he came out of the Army in 1948. His pay is £8 a week, including overtime, and he lives with his family in three rooms, for which they pay 12s 6d a week. There is someone on his employers' list, who would like to speak for him."

"Certainly," said the magistrate.

The manager of the firm's plumbing department came into the witness-box. "This man's a very good worker indeed," he said.

"You are lucky," said the magistrate.

"We were just about to make him a foreman plumber. I believe, too, that he's a very decent type of man, and as his wife's expecting a baby, I believe my firm is willing to give him another chance."

The moderate looked at Tom, in whose eyes great fear still dwelt and whose face was waxy-white. "Well, you are lucky, aren't you?" he said.

"Yes, sir," Tom gulped.

"Well, I'm very pleased your employers are giving you back your job," said the magistrate. "You show your gratitude to them by working hard. I shall discharge you absolutely; you may go."

Tom went, and a few minutes later he was back, one of the crowd, again on the crowded streets. There was no longer anything to mark him out from his fellows, for the fear had gone at last from his eyes.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



The cartoon illustration by Galbraith shows a man in a suit and hat looking through a telescope. He is standing on a street corner, looking towards a building. The building has a sign that says 'SIDE GLANCES'. The man is looking through the telescope with a serious expression. The illustration is in a simple, line-art style.